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We are so excited to share that we are now streaming our 10:45AM service in multiple locations of the church. For those of you with little ones, you can always catch the service LIVE on the television in the nursery located on the first floor. Also, the service is LIVE in the fellowship hall downstairs on the big screen. Also, our youth leaders have access to the service on a television in our Christian Education wing upstairs.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 23:1-4	Isaiah Ramsey
*HYMN	"We Three Kings of Orient Are"	See insert/#66

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Loving God, we humbly ask for your forgiveness. Open our eyes and soften our hearts that we may faithfully serve you as we should. Fill us with the gift of love that we may love others.

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Friends, believe the Good News **RESPONSE:** in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Traditional) I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: John 1:(1-9) 10-18 The Word Became Flesh

(¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.)

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

SERMON	"Reflect, Refresh, Renew"	Rev. Jason Elliott
SPECIAL MUSIC	"Still Waters (Psalm 23)"	Glory Dami

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***BENEDICTION/ DISMISSAL**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S GREETERS: Jim & Mickey Cope and Jeff Vinci and Stan Albaugh

CHANCEL FLOWERS this morning are in loving memory of all of our Loved Ones who have passed. If you would like to sponsor flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please call the office for available dates. Flowers are \$25 a vase.

<u>MISSION CANS</u>- This week's mission cans will go to Pastor's Discretionary. Nov. totals received for missions are Pastor's Discretionary \$372, Emergency Mission \$187, Church Youth Groups \$85 and Soles4Christ \$99. 12/1 received \$335 for Pastor's Discretionary, 12/8 received \$145 for Emergency Mission and 12/15 \$87 Church Youth Groups.

OUR PLACE SENIOR CENTER will resume their regular schedule Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 am in the Café.

<u>WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY</u> will resume Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 7 pm in The Café.

HELEN MARTIN BIBLE STUDY/PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN do not meet in January and February. Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 13 in the church Café at 12:30pm. We hope to see you then!

SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Café.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK - *Birthdays:* Eudora Elliott (1/5), Jahbari McKissack (1/6), Tom Roudebush (1/8), Janet Moore (1/9) and Heather Myers (1/10).

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